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Parliament met at 10.14 a.m. in Parliament House, Kampala.

PRAYERS

(The Speaker, Mr Jacob Oboth, in the Chair.)

The House was called to order.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

THE SPEAKER: Honourable members, today Parliament convenes, in profound sorrow, to pay tribute to the Rt Hon. Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali, a distinguished son of Uganda, a patriot, a gallant retired general, a senior statesman and a seasoned legislator. We convene not only to mourn his passing, but also to honour a life that was dedicated and devoted to the service of our nation. For over five decades, Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali stood at the forefront of Uganda's public service. Few leaders witnessed and helped shape Uganda's public service in many defining moments in our nation's history as he did.

He served Uganda with distinction in the armed forces, in cabinet, and in the legislature. Through changing political seasons, his commitment to Uganda never wavered. What a distinguished general; what distinguished Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali was not only the offices he held but the resilience with which he served. Even as age and illness took their toll, he remained steadfast in discharging his duties. We saw him come to this House despite visible physical frailty, choosing duty over comfort and country over self.

He served Uganda with whatever strength remained in him until the very end. His life was a testament to resilience, sacrifice and patriotism. He belonged to a generation that endured conflict, championed reconciliation and helped rebuild our nation. His contribution towards restoring peace and stability in West Nile and strengthening the institutions of our country will remain an enduring part of Uganda's history.

We also acknowledge and appreciate His Excellency, President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, who entrusted him with some of the nation's highest responsibilities over the years, which was a reflection of the trust placed in his experience, loyalty and steadfast service to Uganda.

To his family, the people of Adjumani, West Nile and the entire nation, Parliament extends its deepest condolences. There is an African proverb that says, "When an elder dies, a library burns." Today, Uganda has lost one of its greatest libraries, a repository of history, wisdom and public service.

Through his voice, though his voice is now silent, his example of perseverance, selflessness, service and unwavering commitment to duty will continue to inspire generations of Ugandans to come. The Holy Quran, in Surah 2:156, teaches us that indeed to Allah we belong and to Him we return. May the soul of our senior leader and Member, Rt Hon. Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali, rest in eternal peace.

(Entrance of the late Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali)

The Uganda National Anthem

(The East African Community Anthem)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION OF
PARLIAMENT TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE
LATE RT HON. GEN. (RTD) MOSES ALI,
FORMER MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
FOR ADJUMANI WEST COUNTY

THE SPEAKER: Yes, Rt Hon. Prime Minister.

10.25

THE PRIME MINISTER AND LEADER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (Ms Robinah Nabbanja): Mr Speaker, I move, under Rule 58 of our Rules of Procedure, to present a Motion for a Resolution of Parliament to pay tribute to the late Rt Hon. Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali, the Member of Parliament for Adjumani West County and the former Second Deputy Prime Minister of Uganda, for his illustrious and dedicated service to the Republic of Uganda. The motion reads:

“WHEREAS the Parliament of Uganda received with deep sorrow the sad news of the demise of Rt Hon. Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali, Member of Parliament for Adjumani West County, which occurred on Saturday, 18 July 2026 at Nakasero Hospital;

AWARE THAT the Rt Hon. Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali has had an illustrious career spanning more than 50 years, serving in various capacities in the military, civil, and public service of Uganda, where he played a crucial role in the peace, national unity, stability and social and economic transformation of Uganda;

NOTING THAT the Rt Hon. Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali was a courageous soldier and an astute leader whose personal traits of selflessness, commitment to public interest, strict accountability, and ethical transparency enabled him to serve the people of Uganda with distinction in the following key positions:

i) *Member of Parliament, Adjumani West County, from 2016 to the time of his demise;*

- ii) *Second Deputy Prime Minister and Deputy Leader of Government Business in Parliament from 2021 to 2026;*
- iii) *First Deputy Prime Minister and Deputy Leader of Government Business in Parliament from 2016 to 2021;*
- iv) *Third Deputy Prime Minister and Deputy Leader of Government Business in Parliament from 2011 to 2016;*
- v) *Member of Parliament, East Moyo County, from 2011 to 2016;*
- vi) *First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Relief, Disaster Preparedness and Refugees, 2003;*
- vii) *Second Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Disaster Preparedness and Refugees in 2001;*
- viii) *Member of Parliament, East Moyo County, from 2001 to 2006;*
- ix) *Second Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Internal Affairs 2000 to 2003;*
- x) *Second Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Tourism, Trade and Industry 1996 to 2000;*
- xi) *Member of Parliament, East Moyo County, from 1996 to 2001;*
- xii) *Third Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities 1995 to 1996;*
- xiii) *Minister of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities 1994 to 1995;*
- xiv) *Member of Uganda, Uganda's Constituent Assembly representing East Moyo, in 1994;*
- xv) *The Chairman of the Federation of Uganda Football Association 1994;*
- xvi) *A member of the National Resistance Council (NRC) for East Moyo in 1989;*
- xvii) *Minister for Youth, Culture and Sports in 1986;*
- xviii) *Minister of Finance in 1975;*
- xix) *Chairman, Central Tender Board from 1976 to 1978;*
- xx) *Member of Makerere University Council from 1976 to 1978;*
- xxi) *Chairman, Valuation Committee responsible for negotiation with governments whose citizens left property in Uganda in 1972, 1976, and 1978;*

- xxii) Governor in the African Development Bank, African Development Bank and African Development Fund in 1978;
- xxiii) Chairman, Board of Governors of the Islamic Development Bank from 1978 to 1979; and
- xxiv) Teacher at Koch Goma Church of Uganda Primary School and Anaka Catholic Girls School, from 1967 to 1968.

RECOGNISING THAT Rt Hon. Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali was a patriot who served in the Uganda Army and the Uganda National Rescue Front, UNRF II, and the Uganda People's Defence Forces and attained the following ranks and awards:

- i) Mr Speaker, he was commissioned to the rank of Second Lieutenant and appointed Officer in Charge of Training in the Uganda Paratrooper School in 1969;
- ii) He was promoted to the rank of Major and appointed Commander of the Paratrooper School in 1971;
- iii) He was promoted to the rank of Colonel in 1972;
- iv) Appointed Minister of Provincial Administration Interior in 1973;
- v) He was promoted to the rank of Brigadier in 1974;
- vi) He was decorated with the following medals:
 - a. Distinguished Service Order;
 - b. Military Cross;
 - c. Operational and Republic Medals;
 - d. The second highest honour of the Islamic Republic of Mauritius, 1975;
 - e. He was commissioned into the National Resistance Army (NRA) at the rank of Major General in 1986; and
 - f. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General in 2003, and thereafter, promoted to the rank of General in 2012.

APPRECIATING THAT Rt Hon. Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali contributed to the post-colonial restoration of democratic rule in Uganda and participated:

- i) In the fight against authoritarianism by founding and leading the Uganda National Rescue Front, a West Nile based rebel movement that fought against the dictatorship of the 1980s;
- ii) In the making of the 1995 Constitution of the Republic of Uganda as a Member of the Constituent Assembly;
- iii) In the negotiation between the Uganda National Rescue Front, a rebel group, and the Government of Uganda, which culminated in a formal ceasefire agreement and a final peace deal that officially ended the insurgency in the West Nile region and led to the incorporation of former combatants of the UNRF-II into the Uganda People's Defence Forces; and
- iv) Supported His Excellency, Yoweri Kaguta Museveni in the peace efforts to end the insurgency of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) Northern Uganda and was instrumental in championing the formulation and enactment of the Amnesty Act, Cap 316, which granted pardon to fighters who denounced rebellion.

COGNIZANT that Gen. (Rtd.) Moses Ali was a diligent leader who supported His Excellence, Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, in shaping the destiny of Uganda and served Uganda with distinction and patriotism for over 50 years, as described above.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Parliament of Uganda:

- i) Collectively conveys its deepest condolences to the bereaved family, the people of West Nile sub-region and the people of Uganda, for the loss of a distinguished and gallant citizen of this country;
- ii) That Parliament appreciates the distinguished service rendered by the late Gen. (Rtd.) Moses Ali to the people of Uganda." Mr Speaker, I beg to move.

THE SPEAKER: Is the motion seconded? Okay, it is seconded by the Vice President, the Leader of the Opposition (LOP); I would be

safe to say, seconded by the whole House. So, will you speak to your motion?

MS NABBANJA: Mr Speaker, my justification. On Saturday 18th July, 2026, we learnt of the death of Gen. (Rtd.) Moses Ali. The departure of such a great statesman calls for a powerful tribute from this House.

The motion to pay tribute to Gen. (Rtd.) Moses Ali is one I make with a heavy heart because I had the opportunity and honour to work closely with him. He was a man of many titles and distinctions, yet he carried them with humility.

Today, we recognise that among us stood a distinguished deputy prime minister, minister, soldier, legislator, businessman, family man, lawyer and an advocate of the High Court.

Mr Speaker, the late Gen. (Rtd.) Moses Ali was born on 5th April, 1939, in Pakele Sub-county in the present-day Adjumani district. Orphaned at an early age, he rose above those circumstances through discipline, education and service to become a teacher, a soldier and a servant of the people.

As outlined in my motion, the late Gen. (Rtd.) Moses Ali went on to live a life of service to Uganda, from his first job as a teacher to military service. His career growth was steady, rising to the rank of Brigadier in 1974.

In the Government, he served as a Minister of Provincial Administration and Minister of Finance in the 1970s and later in various dockets under His Excellency, Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, including serving as the Minister of Youth, Culture and Sports, Minister of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities, Minister of Trade and Industry, Minister of Internal Affairs and the Minister of Disaster Preparedness and Refugees, among other notable duties.

In the 1980s, the late led the Uganda National Rescue Front, maintaining resistance in the West Nile Region until he signed a peace deal with the new Government of His Excellency, Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, the President of the Republic of Uganda, in 1986.

This was followed by the integration of his forces into the National Resistance Army (NRA) and the restoration of peace in West Nile. He was also commissioned into the National Resistance Army at the rank of Major General and would later be promoted to the rank of Lt General in the Uganda People's Defence Forces in the year 2003 and to a full General in 2012.

Mr Speaker, in his political life, Gen. (Rtd.) Moses Ali represented the people of East Moyo in the National Resistance Council and the Constituent Assembly. He then served in the 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Parliaments. During this period, he held the offices of: Third Deputy Prime Minister, and Second Deputy Prime Minister and First Deputy Prime Minister. He also served as the Deputy Leader of Government Business in the 9th, 10th and 11th Parliaments.

In the 12th Parliament, he braved the campaign trail to retain his seat as a representative for Adjumani West, whose term has unfortunately been cut short. We shall surely miss his wisdom in this House, and the people of Adjumani will miss their beloved leader.

I take this opportunity to thank His Excellency, Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, the President of the Republic of Uganda, for recognising the abilities of the late Rt Hon. Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali and retaining him in service for all these years. I also thank the President for according our brother an official burial.

The Rt Hon. Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali demonstrated the kind of determination we all admire when he invested in advancing his studies, even as he carried out his national duties. In 2007, he was awarded a certificate in education in law from the University of Wolverhampton, then joined Makerere University to pursue a Bachelor of Law degree, fulfilling his lifelong ambition.

He obtained a Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice from the Law Development Centre and was enrolled as an advocate in 2012. The late also went on to attain a Master's in Intelligence Studies from the United States in 2015.

Mr Speaker, many may not know, but the late Rt Hon. Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali was also an author. He wrote a book entitled: *“Odyssey of the Nubi: From Soldiers of the British Empire to full Citizens of Uganda,”* in 2023. This is a lasting legacy for the Nubian Community and Uganda’s history; he will not be forgotten.

Mr Speaker, as we were informed by the President this morning, Moses Ali was a freedom fighter and a peacemaker. Despite his difficulties in recent years, the late Rt Hon. Gen. (Rtd) Ali Moses remained committed to his duties. He was a good timekeeper and a timely decision-maker. He never complained, whether in public or in private, but carried on like the gentle giant that he was until the Creator called him home.

Mr Speaker, as we pay tribute, we extend our sincere sympathies and condolences to His Excellency, Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, the President of the Republic of Uganda, Cabinet colleagues, the bereaved family, the Parliament of Uganda, friends, the Muslim community, the people of West Nile and the whole country upon this monumental loss. May his soul rest in eternal peace. *(Applause)*

THE SPEAKER: Thank you. Yes, Leader of the Opposition.

10.46

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

(Mr Joel Ssenyonyi): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Today, we convene to pay tribute to the late Gen. Moses Ali, a man whose life reads like the history of Uganda itself. He served in the colonial army as a young man, rose to become one of Gen. (Rtd) Idi Amin’s most trusted ministers and, later, took up arms as a rebel leader before accepting amnesty and returning to national life.

Gen. Ali devoted over five decades of his life to public service. Throughout that long journey, he served Uganda in various capacities: as a soldier, Member of Parliament, Cabinet minister in several portfolios, First Deputy Prime Minister, Second Deputy Prime Minister and Deputy Leader of Government Business.

He remained a central figure in Uganda’s public affairs for many years.

The late Rt Hon. Gen. Moses Ali belonged to a generation of leaders that witnessed and, indeed, participated in some of the most defining moments in Uganda’s history, through periods of political transition, conflict, reconstruction and nation building.

His longevity in public service also meant that he mentored and worked alongside several generations of leaders. Many Members of this House, today, differed with him politically, but they undoubtedly learned valuable lessons from his experience, his institutional memory and the understanding of the evolution of our nation. That wealth of experience deserves acknowledgement and respect. *(Applause)*

Public service is one of the noblest callings. It demands sacrifice, resilience and commitment. The late Rt Hon. Gen. Moses Ali answered that call for much of his life and, for that, he deserves our respect and gratitude.

He belonged to the National Resistance Movement (NRM) and I belong to the National Unity Platform (NUP), but I respected him even though we differed politically. *(Applause)* I did not even agree with the idea of him running for office again, yet he was unwell and needed to take a break. However, I still give him his flowers for the service that he rendered to this nation over the years.

Mr Speaker, his passing, however, also invites us to reflect on an important national conversation. Death reminds all of us that beyond our different political parties, ideologies and contests, we are all temporary custodians of public office. None of us is a permanent fixture in this world and no position or status that we hold is everlasting. So, while we hold office, may we cause a positive impact. May we be diligent leaders. Let us respect the rule of law and the people of Uganda, whom we serve.

As we mourn the late Gen. Moses Ali, may this occasion renew our collective commitment to selfless leadership, accountable governance

and service above self. Let us strive to leave behind institutions that are stronger than we found them and a country that is better, because we had the privilege to serve.

We welcome the Commander-In-Chief of the armed forces, who joined us earlier for this tribute session. However, I would like to urge him to prevail over the various security entities to observe and respect the law as they do their work.

The 1995 Constitution is a brainchild of the NRM Government. We need to respect that Constitution. The late Rt Hon. Gen. Moses Ali was a believer in the rule of law. That is why he gave up armed rebellion and then served in our national army.

Anyone, whether a leader or an ordinary citizen, can be suspected by the State to have committed any offence. However, they ought to be apprehended as the law stipulates: detained in a gazetted detention facility and produced in court within 48 hours.

Lately, Mr Speaker, people are abducted, taken for days, weeks and even months. Sometimes they are tortured, their families do not know their whereabouts, and they are not produced in court. This is not right, and we must, collectively, condemn it.

On behalf of the Opposition, I extend our deepest condolences to the family of the late Rt Hon. Gen. Moses Ali, the people of Adjumani, the Muslim faith, which he professed, the Nubian community, which he loved dearly, his friends and colleagues, and all Ugandans who mourn his passing. May they find comfort in the years he dedicated to serving this our country.

May God Grant Gen. Moses Ali eternal rest and comfort his family in this very trying time. For God and my country. *(Applause)*

THE SPEAKER: Thank you. Her Excellency, the Vice-President of the Republic of Uganda, is in the House. She can make a few remarks.

10.52

THE VICE-PRESIDENT (Maj. (Rtd) Jessica Alupo): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. You are a very good man. *(Laughter)*

Mr Speaker and honourable members, I would like to sincerely extend my deepest condolences to the bereaved family of the late Gen. Moses Ali, to you, Mr Speaker, to His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Uganda, to the Muslim community in Uganda and beyond, to the people of Adjumani, and to all Ugandans.

The late Rt Hon. Ali Moses was a nationalist who served Uganda with dedication to the benefit of all the people of Uganda. His service to the country covered a wide range of spheres, including agriculture, politics, the military, religion, education, sports, etc., in which he has left behind an indelible legacy.

Mr Speaker, the late Rt Hon. Gen. Moses Ali was a commercial farmer, a mentor who demonstrated to all the people of Uganda and especially the youth that jobs and wealth are in commercial agriculture, industry, services, and Information, Communication and Technology (ICT).

In his service as a politician, he mentored many, including myself.

He was a freedom fighter, and he was such a humorous politician whose message one would not miss whenever he would communicate.

Mr Speaker, in the military, he was such a disciplined officer and a good timekeeper. In Cabinet, he would always be there before 9.00 a.m. and began to attend the Swahili lessons, hence beating many younger ministers in terms of timekeeping; a good message that he has left with us today.

He was my neighbour in Cabinet, and I really enjoyed his company. He would always communicate any small guidance that he felt that Cabinet should consume, and I would articulate it on his behalf.

Occasionally, he would write some messages for me to articulate for His Excellency, the President. Whenever he wanted to withdraw from Cabinet, he would always make sure that he sought authority.

He would tell me, "Please tell the President that I would now like to withdraw. It is 2.00 p.m." This was due to his doctor's advice for him to always withdraw from the Cabinet at 2.00 p.m. However, he would not walk out without permission. And while walking out, he would always make sure that he greeted His Excellency, the President, with a very sharp salute, even at the later stage of his illness.

Therefore, he was a very disciplined officer who knew what serving the army meant. And indeed, he was living like a military officer. Remember when we used to go to the National Leadership Institute, Kyakwanzi, when he was still physically fit; we used to call him our bouncing officer. He would walk with a lot of haste, and you would enjoy the way he would be taking and carrying himself.

Mr Speaker, we all know that he loved the Muslim Religion so much, but that did not stop him from being very close to members of different religions. He would always be a bridge between the teams in case there was an issue.

I know that he comes from the West Nile Sub-region with a long history of service to the country, but he knew how to immerse himself in a situation and come out with a team in the situation that he found himself in. We in the Cabinet will miss him.

In education, Mr Speaker, he was among the founders of West Nile University, a private university, which I would like to encourage all members of this House to continue supporting up to its logical conclusion because it is still in its initial stages.

He also supported university education, going to school at the age at which he got the Bachelor's Degree in Law. He also got an Honorary PhD from the Islamic University in Uganda. You

could see a leader whose heart was too much into university education, especially of the Muslim young girls. He used to talk about how Muslim young girls are always disadvantaged, but he was a voice in raising the Muslim young girls to go to school until completion.

Mr Speaker, there was a small video clip which was circulating at one time which demonstrated that the late Rt Hon. Gen. Moses Ali was indeed a supporter and a participant in sports.

One time, in Mandela National Stadium, Namboole, he was playing football, and he kicked it with all his might, and you saw what happened.

It is a fact that sports are very good for physical fitness. He was a sportsman, and indeed, he has mentored many young sports people.

He touched many lives during his service to our country with his humour and simplicity in carrying his messages.

Mr Speaker, I thank His Excellency, the President, for standing with the late Rt Hon. Gen. Moses Ali and the family, especially when he needed specialised treatment. His Excellency, the President, stood with him and accorded him all the necessary support in terms of medication.

May the Almighty God rest the soul of the late Rt Hon. Gen. Moses Ali in eternal peace.

Thank you.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you. Let us now hear from the Hon. Lt Gen. James Mugira.

11.00

LT GEN. JAMES MUGIRA (UPDF Representative): The microphone is neutral, like the Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF), so I can stand here.

THE SPEAKER: The UPDF stands on any side.

LT GEN. MUGIRA: Yes. Mr Speaker and colleague members of the August House. For the record, I am Lt Gen. James Mugira,

Member of Parliament representing the Uganda People's Defence Forces, which is the other family of the late Rt Hon. RO/10620 Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali.

I rise to second the motion for a resolution of Parliament to pay tribute to one of Uganda's longest-serving military officers at the time of his retirement. A four-star Army General who devoted his life to the service of his motherland, a courageous freedom fighter, politician, statesman, and servant of the people who breathed his last on Saturday, 11 July 2026 at Nakasero Hospital at the age of 87.

On behalf of the UPDF fraternity, I extend our deepest condolences to the bereaved family, the people of Adjumani District and the entire West Nile Sub-region, the honourable members of Parliament and His Excellency, the President, on the loss of this distinguished son of Uganda.

As UPDF, we are mourning and paying a glowing tribute to one of us. A brave soldier who, according to available military records, joined the national army, which was the Uganda Army at that time, on 16 May 1968 as a Cadet Officer and rose through the ranks to a four-star General at the time of his retirement.

His military training included an Officer Cadet and Paratrooper Instructors course, Company Commanders course in Israel, and Staff College course at Kimberley in the United Kingdom.

Mr Speaker, the late Rt Hon. Gen. Ali's political and military career stretched across more than five decades and mirrored some of the most turbulent periods in Uganda's post-independence history. We are therefore paying tribute to a man whose life was deeply intertwined with the history of Uganda.

His journey through different periods of our nation's history reflected a remarkable ability to adapt to changing circumstances. His resilience, experience, and ability to navigate changing political landscapes made him one of Uganda's most enduring public servants. His contribution will no doubt remain part of Uganda's historical record.

As a freedom fighter, the late Rt Hon. Gen. Moses Ali believed in the ideals of national unity, peace, and stability, contributing to the country's journey through some of its most challenging moments.

Gen. Moses Ali led the Uganda National Rescue Front (UNRF) during the 1980s against the Obote II regime.

After the Obote II regime was overthrown by the NRA, he embraced peace and signed a peace agreement with the Government on the 16th of November 1986, which resulted in the integration of the UNRF fighters into the National Resistance Army and marked a significant step towards restoring peace and stability in West Nile.

Gen. Moses Ali's name, therefore, is synonymous with the return of peace and security in the area.

As the Uganda People's Defence Forces, we salute his invaluable contribution to ending the insecurity in West Nile and for contributing to the bringing of peace, security and stability currently enjoyed in that region.

The late Rt Hon. Gen. Moses Ali rose to prominence during the Government of President Idi Amin, serving in senior military and Cabinet positions, including serving as Minister of Finance. One time, I told him that in primary school, we had to know the names of only two Generals apart from Idi Amin, if we were to pass our civics and general paper exams. One of them was Brig. Moses Ali, Minister of Finance. The second was Brig. Barnabas Kidi, who was the Minister of Education. If you did not know the two, I can assure you, going to secondary school would be a problem. *(Laughter)*

Mr Speaker, the late Rt Hon. Gen. Moses Ali had a passion for the military and really loved it. He always had a four-star officer rank on his vehicle, even on a civilian vehicle. In retirement, whenever the UPDF issued a new type of uniform in its stores, Gen. Ali always asked for a pair of the new uniform. I know

wherever he is, he must be happy that at least he has been given a send-off with full military honours. (*Applause*)

I do not know which other portrait you would have put there with him in civilian clothes.

The Rt Hon. Gen. Moses Ali, though my senior in all ways, whether it is in age, in rank, or in status, was also a personal friend. I personally worked with him closely in the mid-1990s when I was a Private Secretary to His Excellency, the President. I always treated his correspondence to the President on matters of stabilisation of West Nile as a top priority.

I later on worked with him closely in 2004 when I was in Charge of the Chieftaincy of Military Intelligence at a time some rebel group was trying to establish bases in West Nile, which, with his support, we were able to dismantle.

A few years back, when he came back from treatment abroad, he called and updated me on his health and a planned thanksgiving function in Adjumani. I could not attend the function because I was out of the country, but I sent him some contribution towards the function. He was so grateful and appreciative that when he returned to Kampala, he gifted me an autographed copy of his book, *"The Odyssey of the Nubi from Soldiers of the British Empire to Full Citizens of Uganda"*.

In that book, he gives an account of the injustices to Nubi soldiers and the Nubi resistance against the British establishment, leading to the earliest struggles against colonialism and perhaps planting the seeds of the struggle for the independence of Uganda.

Central in his book is the contention that until the NRM Government came into power, the Nubi were marginalised and largely denied their fundamental rights and entitlements.

Mr Speaker, beyond the titles, medals and ranks, the late Rt Hon. Gen. Moses Ali was a person of deep character whose kindness touched many lives, especially the people of Adjumani. His leadership was particularly felt

in West Nile, where he was not only a national figure, but also a trusted son in the region.

Affectionately known as the "Cock" of West Nile, the late Rt Hon. Gen. Moses Ali was credited with advancing Government development programmes, promoting national unity and supporting partnerships aimed at improving livelihoods in Adjumani and other parts of the country.

To many in the West Nile Region, he was a respected leader who championed the interests of his people. His supporters remember him for his commitment to community development, national unity, and public service. No wonder they continued voting him into Parliament even when his health had deteriorated and he was visibly frail.

Mr Speaker, the late Rt Hon. Gen. Ali had the will to live. He was a fighter like a real General, and he fought on till the last hour. He could never miss national functions. I think even his decision to contest for Member of Parliament this year shows his never-retreat, never-surrender, never-give-up spirit of a General. (*Applause*)

Mr Speaker, as we mourn the General's departure, we also celebrate a life well-lived. A life marked by service, sacrifice and commitment to Uganda. His passing marks the end of a remarkable chapter in the country's history, but his legacy will continue to inspire generations.

The late Rt Hon. Gen. Moses Ali's contribution to our nation will remain woven into the fabric of our history, and his memory will continue to guide those who follow in his footsteps. We are grateful for a life lived with purpose, for sacrifices that secured our people's freedom, and for a legacy that will continue to inspire generations to come.

Though the late Rt Hon. Gen. Moses Ali is no longer with us in body, his spirit lives on in every citizen who cherishes freedom, every soldier who serves with honour, and every young person inspired to lead with integrity.

May we honour the General's memory not only with our words, but with our actions, by preserving the peace he fought for, defending the freedoms he helped secure, and living by the principles he so faithfully upheld.

To his beloved family, we thank you for sharing him with the nation, often at great personal sacrifice. We pray that the Almighty grants you strength, comfort and peace during this difficult time.

To the people of West Nile and colleague Members of Parliament, the UPDF mourns with you. We honour a leader who dedicated much of his life to the service of his country and people.

The late Rt Hon. Gen. Moses Ali, your mission on earth is complete. Your watch has ended, but your legacy endures. You have fought your battles, served your nation, and left a legacy that will not be forgotten.

May the Almighty grant you eternal peace and may your legacy continue to inspire thoughtful leadership, patriotism, and service to the nation. The gentle giant has gone to sleep. Fare thee well, Rt Hon. Gen. Moses Ali. Rest in peace. I thank you.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you. So, I hope, LOP, you have heard that Generals never surrender, never retreat. Rt Hon. First Deputy Prime Minister, Gen. Moses Ali was your second deputy, and you worked with him as Speaker and Deputy Speaker here in this same Chair.

11.21

THE FIRST DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (Ms Rebecca Kadaga): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Three minutes, please.

MS KADAGA: *Mwenye kiti na wabunge, habari za asubuhi.*

THE SPEAKER: *Sawa.*

MS KADAGA: *Na hujambo.* Mr Speaker, let me begin by thanking the NRM Government for conducting the constitutional-making process because it enabled Uganda to correct certain historical injustices. One of them was that the tribes that had been swallowed up by the bigger ones were able to get listed in the Constitution and be recognised, and among those are the Nubi.

We have been told about the book that the late Rt Hon. Gen. Moses Ali wrote. I would like to recommend that Hon. Siraj Ali tries to make the book available to the Members. It is very important reading, and will help people understand the history of this country and how people have been living. Somewhere in his book, he says the following: "The feeling of having no power over one's history, no right to describe oneself, no capacity to determine one's destiny, no influence of what is written, no capacity to self-define, and the presence of general misery and hopelessness."

This was the situation the Nubian people found themselves in, and Rt Hon. Gen. Moses Ali did research over a long time, extensively and documented the history right from the 18th Century, tracing all the Nubians, the Egyptian Nubian, the Acholi Nubian, the Langi Nubian, and all those until they came to Uganda.

The book reflects on men who must have had courage and whose migration and settlement were externally driven. They were just brought here through circumstances. They found themselves here and did not have a proper belonging. That is why I said that the Constitution-making process was very important for the history of this country and for many of the tribes that had been marginalised.

Rt Hon. Gen. Moses Ali was a calm person. I remember on several occasions when we had very heated debates on Apaa and Zoka Forest. He remained calm despite the pressures. Those were very, very heated debates in this House. Actually, sometimes I thought this man, after that, would follow us, but he would leave the Chamber, go back, come back tomorrow, and then we do our work. I really want to thank him for his calmness.

We have been told about his military exploits, but I really wanted to concentrate on his struggle for identity and his struggle for the people of West Nile and especially the Nubian people.

Mr Speaker, when we were growing up, after the Amin war, all people of West Nile were called Amin's people. It meant that they were marginalised politically, socially, economically, and so on. I remember a lot of them lost their property. It has never been returned. I have a family that is still checking on me; they still come to me to find out: is it possible to unfreeze our accounts? Is it possible to get back our buses? I write to the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, but nobody answers. I think nobody has a solution, but I think we have done a lot to restore what the Indian Indians lost. These people also lost. You have been told that I was shown my children; some of them are my children, who were born in Zaire, born in Sudan. All of this belongs somewhere. Their parents lost property, and they came back to nothing. They have never recovered. I think it is time we did something for this community. *(Applause)*

I want to really thank the late Gen. Ali. By the way, he taught us you - know, whatever time I reached Cabinet, he was always there. Never late, and as the VP has said, he would leave at a certain time, but leave with decorum. He taught us discipline and punctuality. I really want to thank you for his contribution to Uganda, and I really pray that the wrongs against the people of West Nile should be corrected. Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. *(Applause)*

THE SPEAKER: Thank you. The former Speaker and now First Deputy Prime Minister, I thought you were going to tell this House about his calmness. He was seated there one day, and somebody raised a point of order and said that he was sleeping. When he got up, he said, "You know, I was just meditating and closing my eyes to avoid seeing ugly people like -" *(Laughter)* That was the man.

Honourable members in the VIP gallery this morning, we have the following:

1. Rt Hon. Brig. Gen. (Rtd) Al-hajji Moses Kigongo (the first National Vice Chairperson, NRM and former Deputy Speaker of this House for 10 years);
2. The Rt. Hon. Ruhakana Rugunda, the former Prime Minister;
3. Hon. Peter Lokeris, former Minister of Karamoja Affairs *(Applause)*
4. Amb. Nusura Tiperu, the Ambassador of Uganda to Turkey. *(Applause)*
5. Hon. John Emily Otekat, former MP;
6. Hon. Anthony Butele, former MP;
7. Hon. Okello Anthony, Commissioner, Electoral Commission and a former MP;
8. Eng. Dr Badru Kiggundu, former Chairperson of EC;
9. Hon. Kaaya Christine Nakimwero, former MP;
10. Hon. Mukula Francis, former MP;
11. Hon. Achayo Christine, former Woman MP;
12. Hon. Anne Auru, former Woman MP;
13. Hon. Caroline Amani Okao, former minister and former Member of Parliament;
14. Hon. Latif Sebaggala, former MP and former Imam to the late;
15. Hon. Wangolo Jacob, former MP;
16. Hon. Gerald Siranda, the EALA MP and the Secretary General of DP;
17. Hon. Olobo James Dubai, former Member of Parliament;
18. Hon. Okupa Elijah, former Member of Parliament;
19. Hon. Dominica Abu, former Woman MP; and
20. Hon. Hajji Iddi Isabirye, former Member of Parliament.

They have come to join Parliament in paying tribute to the late Rt. Hon. Gen. Moses Ali. Please make them feel welcome.

Now we have to do some housekeeping. The housekeeping is: one, do not write to the Speaker. The second is that so many people want to speak, but I want to begin with the Members of Parliament who are travelling to West Nile because they have to leave, and we want to apportion time, two minutes each, and then when we abuse it, we shall reduce it to one. The count starts now. Hon. Fungaro, the chairperson of the caucus, but two minutes.

11.21

MR HASSAN FUNGAROO (FDC, Obongi County, Obongi): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I am the Chairman of the West Nile Parliamentary Caucus and also one of the many students whom the late Rt Hon. Gen. Moses Ali, in the process of his struggle, preparing the future, preparing for the continuity of the struggle through educating people, sent to various schools.

I mourn Gen. Moses Ali as a leader, and in the interest of time, this is the theme under which I mourn Gen. Moses Ali. Stock-taking and recalibration of the struggle Gen. Moses Ali stood for and lived for - stock-taking means counting the gaps and the gains. What did he fight for and what did he get in the fight, and what did he not get? This is a moment of counting those things. Some of the things he fought for but were not fulfilled. For example, there is the compensation of the people of West Nile for what they lost. Actually, it is not compensation but giving them what they deserved, just like what was taken from the Indians was given back to them. However, what was taken from the West Nile people – *(Member timed out.)*

THE SPEAKER: Hon. Tom Alero Aza. Use your time carefully.

11.24

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COOPERATIVES (COOPERATIVES) (Mr Tom Alero): Mr Speaker, on behalf of the people of Moyo District and on my own behalf, I extend our sincere condolences to the bereaved family members and all Ugandans in your respective capacities.

We are here to pay tribute to Gen. Moses Ali posthumously. We are here to talk about his legacy as a seasoned and celebrated hardcore military tactician, farmer, lawyer, patriot, Pan-Africanist and teacher. He is going to have a long-lasting legacy in the sense that he has left two Members of Parliament and two ministers in this House. They are none other

than Hon. Siraje Ali and Hon. Tom Alero Aza. Congratulations. *(Applause)*

He is a pillar of West Nile. He was the one who represented our people from West Nile when they were in exile in Sudan and Congo. Therefore, I would like to thank the Government for according him an official funeral. To you all who are here, thank you very much. Let us commiserate and condole with the family so that the soul of our gallant soldier rests in peace. I say all this for God and my country. Thank you very much. *(Applause)*

THE SPEAKER: Hon. Jesca Ababiku, the Woman MP Adjumani and our Commissioner.

11.26

MS JESCA ABABIKU (NRM, Woman Representative, Adjumani): Thank you so much, Mr Speaker. Allow me to convey my condolences and those of the people of Adjumani to Government, you, Cabinet, all Members of Parliament and our party.

Secondly, I would like to thank His Excellency the President for according our senior and hero a state burial. We would also like to thank you for supporting us in different forms to ensure that we are seated here today, but also able to travel to Adjumani. At this point, allow me to tell the people who are here and outside that we are readily waiting for you. I am working with Hon. Marshall Alenyo; those who want to travel can register with the honourable member. We wish you a safe journey. May his soul rest in eternal peace. Amen.

THE SPEAKER: Third Deputy Prime Minister, who is going ahead - You may think she is from Adjumani, but she is going ahead of us.

11.27

THE THIRD DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO (Ms Rukia Nakadama): Thank you so much, Mr Speaker. I would like to convey my deepest condolences to the family of Gen. Moses Ali, the people of Adjumani, the people of Uganda and the Muslim community.

General Moses Ali was very passionate about education. I have a sister who studied at Bombo Secondary School, and she said that she knew Gen. Moses Ali by the number of students he was supporting. She thought that the whole school was being supported or school fees paid by Gen. Moses Ali.

Gen. Moses Ali secured scholarships for children within and outside Uganda. He went back to school at an advanced age and has died as a lawyer and an advocate. That is how passionate he has been with education.

Gen. Ali loved his religion. He always went to the lobby in the corridors to make his prayers. Because he was supposed to be here, he would get out slowly, sit inside there and perform his prayers.

Gen. Moses Ali was the brains behind the construction of the Gaddafi National Mosque, the Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU) and other Muslim institutions. He has been a member of the IUIU Council. We thank Hon. Gen. Moses Ali for what he has done.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you. Honourable members, in the public gallery this morning, we have immediate family members of the late Rt Hon. Gen. Moses Ali. They include:

1. Mama Kerima Ali - widow
2. Mama Amina Ali - widow
3. Mama Aziza Ali - widow
4. Mr Bashir Musa - son
5. Ms Zenab Ali - daughter
6. Ms Mariam Ali - daughter, and not in the public gallery but in the chamber; we have Hon. Siraje Ali Musa - son

They have come to join Parliament in paying tribute to the late Rt Hon. Gen. Moses Ali and also listen to what other people say about their father and husband. Join me in making them feel welcome. *(Applause)*

We also have Hon. Hamson Denis Obua – *(Applause)* - the former Government Chief Whip and NRM Vice-Chairperson in charge of Northern Uganda. He has missed and

lost a supporter. Can I have Hon. Catherine Akumu Mavenjina, the elder?

11.31

MS CATHERINE AKUMU (NRM, Older Persons Representative, Northern):

Thank you, Mr Speaker. I rise on behalf of the elders and people of Northern Uganda, whom I represent, to convey our heartfelt condolences to the family of the late Gen. Moses Ali, Parliament, the Executive led by His Excellency the President, the Judiciary, and the whole country.

The late Moses Ali was our icon and had a big heart. In 1986, when the First Lady founded Uganda Women's Effort to Save Orphans (UWESO), Rt Hon. Moses Ali was one of the donors and a great supporter of the organisation because I personally used to go to his farm, together with my late sister, Ms Angela Kaba, to get bulls for our orphans.

In 1994, Gen. Moses Ali and I were campaigning for the Constituent Assembly (CA). On my way back to Nebbi, I had to pass through Moyo and Gulu, but we were abducted by rebels in Pabbo. Fortunately, our Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF) were nearby and quickly came to our rescue, but all our things were looted.

When I reached Adjumani, I had to report to Gen. Moses Ali, who was also busy with his campaign. He gave me more money than I had raised in Kampala or what had been looted. I am very grateful to him.

Mr Speaker, Gen. Moses Ali worked with me when I was appointed to the Cabinet. He guided and mentored me when I was a junior Minister of State – *(Member timed out.)*

THE SPEAKER: Hon. Huda Oleru, the Minister of State for Defence and Veteran Affairs (Veteran Affairs), has been in charge of the retired General. She is still the Minister of State for Defence and Veterans Affairs (Veteran Affairs).

11.33

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE AND VETERAN AFFAIRS (VETERAN AFFAIRS) (Ms Huda Oleru):

Thank you very much, Mr Speaker, for the opportunity. I rise to support the motion to pay tribute to our fallen gallant son of West Nile.

Mr Speaker, Gen. Moses Ali chaired the Cabinet Economic Committee that facilitated the economic relationships this country had with the Gulf States. When he chaired the committees, what are the benefits? We are benefiting as a country from Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). I know even in this House; we have Members who attend the Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States (PUIC) functions. It is Moses Ali's contribution that now you have that committee here.

Through chairing that committee, we now benefit; we get a lot of loans, as a country, from the Islamic Development Bank. That is the role of Moses Ali. From chairing that committee, Moses Ali facilitated the establishment of Islamic University in Uganda, where he has been a council member and also their Chairperson of the Committee on Appointments. Therefore, he has been doing both strategic and operational roles at Islamic University in Uganda. I have been a member of the committee.

Moses Ali loved education. In fact, when I –
(*Member timed out.*)

THE SPEAKER: Now, I want to invite the parliamentary Imam. You cannot talk about his faith and we do not – He might give us a different view.

11.36

MR ISMAIL KAKA (NRM, Kakuuto County, Kyotera): Thank you, Mr Speaker. In my capacity as the parliamentary Imam, I rise with profound sorrow and humility to pay tribute to the long-serving statesman.

Mr Speaker, I would like to remind our colleagues that according to time factor and Islamic teachings, when someone dies, his

soul is taken from his body and kept in the sky. Whatever is happening here, he is watching. When you say something good, he says, "Thank you." When you say something bad, he cries. Honourable colleagues, let us try our best to make our honourable colleague comfortable in his grave.

Lastly, according to Islamic teachings, when someone dies, all his work and services are cut off except for three things. I will mention one: what we call in the Islamic Arabic language *Sadakatul Jariya*. *Sadakatul Jariya* means giving out charity in the name of someone who has passed on. In my capacity as the parliamentary Imam of the 12th Parliament, I will construct a borehole in Adjumani –
(*Member timed out.*)

THE SPEAKER: Please, just conclude on that borehole. (*Applause*)

MR KAKA: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. In my capacity as the parliamentary Imam, I will construct a borehole through Tabassum Foundation in Adjumani. I pray to the Almighty Allah that whoever uses that water channels the rewards to the late Gen. Moses Ali.

THE SPEAKER: Hon. Alenyo?

11.38

MR MARSHALL ALENYO (Independent, Jonam County, Pakwach): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. I rise to support the motion.

On 21 April 1914, West Nile, by order of Council in the UK, became part of Uganda. Every group of people has its own Moses. For us in West Nile, the biblical Moses was Moses Ali. Therefore, I ask honourable members to thank His Excellency the President for appointing another Moses Ali; Siraji Ali. Honourable members, as West Nile, we thank His Excellency the President for keeping the life of Moses Ali present.

Secondly, Mr Speaker, Moses Ali worked with me as the General in the Ministry of Internal Affairs, where he appointed two people; Arthur

Ibaale and me, as timekeepers. One day, he caught us - we were timekeepers, but we never used to sign the book because we thought we were important. One day he asked us, "Show your names in this timekeeping register." We were not there. He taught us humility that even if you are a leader, you must be accountable to the people.

Finally, to those in the military who are serving, particularly in West Nile: yesterday, the army's Fisheries Protection Unit spent the majority of the day burning boats in Pakwach. You have to serve with humility. We should not serve in the military by burning people's boats and making people hate the uniform.

I thank Gen. Moses Ali for protecting his people when we went into exile and when we came back. To this House, thank you for having our father here and respecting him even when he looked frail and sickly. People used to look at him with honour and respect. On behalf of West Nile, I want to thank you so much, honourable Members, for honouring him.

THE SPEAKER: The Chairperson of the Muslim Parliamentary Caucus then I will ask Hon. Odria; he is also going.

11.41

MR HASSAN KIRUMIRA (NUP, Katikamu County South, Katikamu): Thank you, Mr Speaker. You quoted the Quran correctly. In Chapter 2, Verse 155, Allah says, "...and certainly we shall test you with something of fear, like loss of lives." The message to the messenger was that every time you find yourselves in such a situation of distress, remind your people that from Allah we came and to Allah we shall return one by one. Now this day, Gen. Moses Ali has returned to his creator.

Mr Speaker, Gen. Moses Ali was a leader whose life was deeply rooted in his faith. He never shied away from identifying as a proud Muslim, demonstrating that one could serve God faithfully while serving the nation with honour and distinction.

Gen. Moses Ali has been the patron of the Muslim Parliamentary Caucus. He was more than a patron to most of us. He was a father, mentor, and source of wisdom. Through his guidance, laws to uplift the Muslim community have been presented in Parliament and passed. For example, the Islamic banking law.

Mr Speaker, Gen. Moses Ali has been a towering figure within the Uganda Nubian Community. For generations, he provided leadership, guidance, and a sense of solidarity. Most recently, when I presented a petition on behalf of the Nubian Community, he called me to his office – *(Member timed out.)*

THE SPEAKER: Hon. Odria - you do not need to cross this side, but since you - go ahead.

11.43

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE (Mr Yorke Alioni): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I start by thanking His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni for the gesture to our brother by having this special sitting. As West Nile, we thank the "cock" of West Nile for the peace that we are now witnessing in the region.

Very many people from West Nile were born and grew up in exile, that is, South Sudan and eastern Congo, but when the NRM Government took over power, the 16 November 1986 agreement brought peace in the region and from that time to date, nobody from West Nile has moved to exile.

Secondly, before the NRM Government, we used to travel from West Nile to Kampala for a week because we did not have a tarmac road. Gen. Moses Ali took it upon himself to always remind His Excellency about tarmacking the Karuma-Koboko-Kaya Road. As I speak, that road is tarmacked, and as regards the road from Koboko-Yumbe-Moyo, the contractor is also on site. That means the entire West Nile is going to enjoy a tarmac road. We thank him for that.

On connecting West Nile to the national grid, when I joined the 10th Parliament, we joined efforts together with Gen. Moses Ali, who always requested the President to meet the leaders from the region. One time, we had a meeting spearheaded by him at State House, Entebbe, and he is the one who led – *(Member timed out.)*

THE SPEAKER: Hon. Isaac Otimgiw, Member of Parliament, Padyere. We all notice that being appointed a minister, Hon. Odria is completely different – *(Laughter)*

11.46

MR ISAAC OTIMGIW (NRM, Padyere County, Nebbi): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I stand before you to pay tribute to a great General and servant of the people of West Nile. A lot has been said about what the great General has done for us, as the people of West Nile, but one of the things we do appreciate him for is that he always made sure that West Nile got its fair share of the national cake. Through that, we have managed to get electricity, roads, and the famous Laropi Bridge funding - which is going to start - a bridge championed by the great General who is lying before us.

As new Members of this Parliament, some of us who are in the second term came towards the last years of the great General, but nevertheless, he always got time to call us into his office and continued guiding us on some of the projects and issues to raise.

One of the issues was the road between Nebbi to Goli and all the way to Vurra. Now that we managed to pass a loan of \$20 million for that road, we urge the Ministry of Works and Transport to fulfil that pledge and make sure that that road from Nebbi, Goli to Zombo is tarmacked.

I thank you all and welcome you to West Nile tomorrow for the burial of the General.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon. Milly Babalanda, the Chairperson of the National Organising Committee. We want you to speak so that you do not miss the flight to West Nile.

11.47

THE MINISTER FOR PRESIDENCY (Ms Milly Babalanda): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I stand here to pay tribute to the Rt Hon. Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali. Today, we gather not only to mourn the passing of Rt Hon. (Rtd) Gen. Moses Ali but also to celebrate the extraordinary life of a man whose name is permanently etched in the history of Uganda.

Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali was an exceptional patriot, a distinguished soldier, an accomplished statesman, and a dedicated public servant whose contribution to our nation spanned more than five decades.

Throughout his life, he remained steadfast in advancing the ideals of peace, national unity and socio-economic transformation. This House has lost one of its most experienced, respected and accomplished Members.

For over two decades, Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali faithfully served the people of West Nile in Parliament. He was the first elected Member of Parliament for East Moyo County in 2001, re-elected in 2011, and later represented Adjumani West County from 2016 until his passing on Saturday. His repeated electoral victories reflected the immense trust and confidence that his – *(Member timed out.)*

THE SPEAKER: Hon. Shamim Malende -

11.49

MS SHAMIM MALENDE (NUP, Woman Representative, Kampala): Mr Speaker, on behalf of the people of Kampala, I rise to pay tribute to the fallen Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family, the people of West Nile, the Muslim fraternity and the nation at large.

From an Islamic perspective, death reminds us that every soul shall return to Allah and what remains are those good deeds. Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali, the late, championed unity, particularly amongst the Muslim community and he also encouraged co-existence of all persons irrespective of their background, political affiliations or faith.

Mr Speaker, if the titular head of the Muslim community, His Royal Highness Prince Kassim Nakibinge, confirmed to us that he has been having engagements with him over several matters, who are we, as leaders, not to pick a lesson from the late Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali?

In conclusion, we pray that the soul of Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali rests in eternal peace and according to the faith of Islam, every person has shortcomings, but we speak of the good deeds of a person, and we pray that God forgives his transgressions. *Inna lillahi wa inna ilahi raji'un.*

THE SPEAKER: Condolence message from the National Resistance Movement, Office of the First National Vice Chairperson, signed by Al-Hajji Moses Kigongo; Uganda Parliamentary Cooperative Savings and Credit Society, which most people here know as SACCO, signed by Hon. Migadde Robert Ndugwa, the board chairperson.

We also have a condolence message from the Democratic Party - I do not know which one – (*Laughter*) - but it is from the Office of the Secretary-General. You are going to find out which one. It is signed by Hon. Dr Gerald Siranda Blacks, the Secretary-General of the only Democratic Party in Uganda, and a Member of the East African Legislative Assembly.

We also have a condolence message from the Interparty Organisation for Dialogue (IPOD), signed by Hon. Dr Gerald Siranda Blacks, the Chairperson, IPOD.

Honourable members, in the public gallery we also have Hon. Dr Abbas Agaba, a former Member of Parliament. (*Applause*) His other name is “Nyambura” or something like that. Yes, I know he is from Kitagwenda, but his other name is “Nyambura”. (*Laughter*)

We also have a condolence message from the Parliamentary Pension Scheme, signed by Hon. Sylvia Nayeale, on behalf of the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.

Let us have Hon. Minsa Kabanda. You have two minutes.

11.54

THE MINISTER FOR KAMPALA CAPITAL CITY AND METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS (Ms Minsa Kabanda): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I speak on behalf of Kampala Capital City and Metropolitan Affairs, as the minister, and as the representative of Kampala Central Division. I support the motion.

Mr Speaker, all has been said, but Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali was a committed Muslim whose faith guided his life. He was widely recognised as a pillar of the Muslim community, especially among the Nubian community.

He was respected for promoting unity, peace and harmony among Muslims and all Ugandans. You have seen some factions, but he belonged to both factions. That is why he went to Kibuli and Uganda Muslim Supreme Council. His contribution to the growth of Islam in Uganda will remain part of his enduring legacy.

He used his influence in the Government to support the development of Islamic University in Uganda, where he also served on the university's council and chaired its finance committee.

He equally championed the establishment and growth of Kibuli Muslim Hospital, expanding access to healthcare while strengthening Muslim institutions in the country.

These are lasting monuments that will continue to benefit generations of Ugandans. Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali demonstrated that faith and public service can complement one another.

He carried himself with humility, respected people of all backgrounds, and remained steadfast in his belief that national development is based – (*Member timed out.*)

THE SPEAKER: Thank you. The Muslim Parliamentary Caucus has raised Shs 2 million, which is with the chairperson. They will pass it on to the family. Give them another round of applause. (*Applause*)

Hon. Ssewungu? He is going to give us more.
(*Laughter*)

11.57

MR JOSEPH SSEWUNGU (NUP, Kalungu County West, Kalungu): Thank you, Mr Speaker. First of all, I send my condolences to the people of West Nile. It will be a big task to create another Gen. Moses Ali from there. I came to Parliament in 2011, and one of the people who were making this Floor most interesting was Gen. Moses Ali. You could not tell him to sit down when he was standing there. When you raised a point of Order, he would ask: "Order for what?" (*Laughter*)

I want to thank his driver. I taught in a Military Police Primary School for most of my teaching career. Many senior officers sat behind, but Gen. Moses Ali, in his vehicle, would always sit in front with his driver. Whoever knows his driver, kindly thank him for me. Managing a driver when you are a general is not easy.

Gen. Moses Ali was a real soldier. I last spoke to him when we were voting for the Speaker of Parliament. You could see him still insisting on taking part in any activity dealing with the Government. For most of us, when we get sick, we tend to hide away, but Gen. Moses Ali was in the public, fighting and doing everything for the good of his country. (*Applause*)

As my former Speaker stated, there was no battle more interesting in this House than the battle over Apaa – with Gen. Moses Ali. We could see people from other regions of the country engage in the battle over Apaa, but Gen. Moses Ali would say: "You will not take Apaa away from Adjumani." You people of West Nile, continue with the Apaa issue, but the battle was for Gen. Moses Ali.

Mr Speaker, as I conclude, we came here together. I do not know the way Gen. Moses Ali – and, I thank Members. They were always respectful to Gen. Moses Ali. They say soldiers do not die but fade away. I do not know where it came from; Gen. Mugira will tell us – (*Member timed out.*)

THE SPEAKER: Thank you. We also have a condolence message from the Ministry of Information, Communications Technology (ICT) and National Guidance, signed by Hon. Joyce Ssebugwawo, the minister of state in charge of ICT.

Can I have the honourable Member from Nwoya – Hon. Denish Opiyo – where the general taught in 1968? Is he here? Yes, he was a teacher.

11.59

MR DENISH OPIYO (DP, Nwoya County, Nwoya): Thank you, Mr Speaker, for this opportunity.

Mr Speaker, I join this House in seconding the motion to pay tribute to the statesman, a distinguished serviceman and a servant primary school teacher, the late Rt Hon. Gen. Moses Ali.

Mr Speaker, before joining the army in 1968 and rising to national prominence, the late Hon. Gen. Moses Ali served as a primary school teacher at Anaka Catholic Girls' School and Koch Goma Church of Uganda Primary School in Nwoya District, Acholi subregion. Although it was a short tenure, that period has remained a prominent legacy in his life. Even as he rose later to become a four-star general and the Second Deputy Prime Minister of Uganda, it is normally highlighted that he had a humble beginning, as a primary school teacher.

Secondly, Mr Speaker, the late Rt Hon. Gen – (*Member timed out.*)

THE SPEAKER: Thank you. In the VIP gallery, we have Hon. Veronica Kadogo, Member of East African Legislative Assembly (EALA). (*Applause*) We have Hon. Princess Kabakumba Masiko, a former minister and Member of Parliament. (*Applause*) We have Hon. Sulaiman Kirunda Balyejjusa, a former Member of Parliament. (*Applause*) They have come to join Parliament in paying tribute to the late Rt Hon. Gen. Moses Ali.

I want to take note that we have had this here before, but I have not seen a death that has brought former Members of Parliament as this one has. *(Applause)* Rastafarian?

12.02

MR JOHN MUSILA (NRM, Bubulo East County, Namisindwa): *Rastafari, who Jah bless no man curse.*

THE SPEAKER: *Jah bless. (Laughter)*

MR MUSILA: Mr Speaker, thank you for the opportunity. I rise to second the motion for paying tribute to the late.

Around 1976 or thereabout, Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali was at my place in Bumbo, southern Bugisu region. As children, we grew up with one of his brothers or relatives called Aliga. Little did we know that Aliga was equally a state operative. It is then that I saw a smart, handsome and young soldier of average build; the way you are, Mr Speaker. *(Laughter)*

Those are the early contacts I had with him. We, the people of Bumbo, who have a Nubian community and my constituency in Bubulo East equally, pay tribute, especially to the family.

Lastly, my father is 86 years old, and that indicates that the late is my father. To my colleagues, especially the children of the late, know that much as I am 61 years old, I am also a son to him. May his soul rest in peace. Thank you.

THE SPEAKER: Hon. Rose Obigah? Two minutes.

12.04

MS ROSE OBIGAH (NRM, Woman Representative, Terego): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I drove all the way from West Nile to be here because I thought the first program would let me be straight there. Allow me to heartily thank the President of the Republic of Uganda for personally treating the late Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali, thereby allowing him to live this long because he was quite sickly for some time. We, the people of West Nile, thank you.

I am the Vice Chairperson of the West Nile Parliamentary Caucus, and the late Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali was a foundation stone for all of us. We are so grateful. He was the mediator between West Nile and His Excellency. We request the President to appoint a son or a daughter from West Nile in the Cabinet who will act as a bridge – *(Interjection)* - because this time, West Nile gave a lot.

The President said, “Vote, and we shall always put you there.” Therefore, on behalf of West Nile, I am here to reiterate that we need a bridge to replace Gen. Moses Ali. Dear brother, we love you, but you have gone too soon. May your precious soul rest in eternal peace. Thank you.

THE SPEAKER: First Deputy Prime Minister, the honourable member is asking you to take the message to the President. She wants to be appointed to Cabinet. *(Laughter)* Hon. Ofwono Opondo?

12.06

MR OFWONO OPONDO (NRM, Representative for Older Persons, Eastern): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Gen. Moses Ali is, or has been, a testimony of one of the cardinal points of the NRM: reconciliation without bitterness.

In 1988/1989, this Government betrayed Moses Ali. It suspected him of committing treason and duly arrested, tried and put him in Luzira, but the court eventually acquitted him. Since that time, I have never sensed any bitterness from Gen. Moses Ali. He has never referred to it in any of his public engagements. I wonder how many Ugandans can reconcile permanently. Mr Speaker, that is just for history. Thank you very much.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon. Pacuto? The bus heading to West Nile is waiting and will be leaving in the next 20 minutes. So, allow me to pick those other West Nilers and then - Order.

12.08

MS JANE AVUR (NRM, Woman Representative, Pakwach): Thank you, Mr Speaker. On behalf of the people of Pakwach, allow me to extend my heartfelt condolences to the President, to you, the Speaker of Parliament, and the family of the late Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali.

I stand here to testify about the late Gen. Moses Ali as a peace builder. In 1986, I was a young girl; one morning, three vehicles appeared and parked in our compound. Soldiers jumped out, and my late father was seated under a tree.

Out of the car, a towering tall soldier emerged - who was our late elder. I started beckoning to my father because I was bringing something to him. He whispered to me and said, "Run away." All the girls and women ran away and why was that? Because it was well known that soldiers were very good at raping women. That is why my dad asked us to run away, although later on, we were all called back.

He had been sent to go and talk to my father, who was a prominent opinion leader, to mobilise the people of Jonam to welcome the NRA with green leaves. Indeed, today, as people of West Nile, we have lost a general who fought to see that there is peace in West Nile and saw to it that women are no longer raped by the current UPDF. For that, we thank him.

Mr Speaker, somebody here stated, "We should not pay tribute by just talking but rather with action." The President mentioned two of our critical roads, both of which are of economic value. The Nebbi-Vurra road and Panyimur-Wadelai-Obongi road - (*Member timed out.*)

THE SPEAKER: Hon. Benadette Chandia Kodili. You do not need to change positions. (*Laughter*)

12.10

MS BENADETTE CHANDIA (NRM, Woman Representative, Moyo): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I am also honoured to be a mother to the General because Adjumani was birthed by Moyo. And him being my child, I am here to follow up on all that is left for Adjumani, Madi

and Laropi bridge. Moyo and Adjumani were among the first districts in Uganda but to date, we still hold municipality status in honour of my son.

However, on the flip side, he is my father. "*Mimi ni mtoto wa jeshi, kwa hivyo, huyu ni baba yangu*". (*Applause*) So, in that sense, worry not. The cock is down, but the cock has able replacements because the eggs became chicks. We are now growing. Rest in peace. Generals do not die. Sleep well and rest assured, Madi, Adjumani, Moyo and Uganda will shine. Thank you.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you. I will take keen interest in Members with military background because it seems like this Parliament may have many of them. Hon. Musa Noah, Koboko North?

12.12

MR NOAH MUSA (NRM, Koboko North County, Koboko): Thank you, Mr Speaker. On behalf of the people of Koboko North and on my own behalf, I wish to extend my heartfelt condolences to His Excellency the President, the family of the late Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali, the people of Adjumani, West Nile and the nation.

Today, we are mourning and celebrating the life of a statesman who lived his entire life for humanity. In September 2003, when Gen. (Rtd) Ali Moses had just returned from treatment, my fellow honourable colleague, Dr George Bhoka and I requested an appointment to visit him at home, but two days later, he gave us an appointment at his office.

Mr Speaker, while at his office, we had a two-hour meeting. We thought we had gone to see a patient, but Gen. Ali Moses took us through all the projects for West Nile, including Laropi Bridge, the road from Laropi to Afogi, the road from Koboko-Moyo, Adjumani, Moyo, Yumbe and compensation of the veterans in West Nile.

By the time we ended the meeting, Mr Speaker, I realised that Gen. Ali Moses was not done yet despite his deteriorating health. He also gave me his book, "The Odyssey of the Nubi: from soldiers of the British Empire to full citizens in Uganda".

Mr Speaker, in that book, I learnt, in detail, some of the difficulties Gen. Ali Moses faced with the former Head of State, President Idi Amin. We, therefore, want to thank him for his endurance, choosing peace and support for the West Nile region - *(Member timed out.)*

THE SPEAKER: Hon. Grace Freedom Kwiwucwiny?

12.14

MS GRACE KWIYUCWINY (NRM, Ora County, Zombo): Mr Speaker, thank you very much for the opportunity. I pass on my condolences to you, Mr Speaker, His Excellency the President of Uganda, the Parliament and the people of Uganda. I support this motion because the great son of West Nile was very consistent, very resilient, very straight-talking, very decisive and also humorous.

Just to remind ourselves how the word “Cock” came in, Mr Speaker, the General respected people. He respected protocol. When some of us wanted to do things he did not like, he would say, “You people, I am of age. I am a General; you have to listen to me. I am the “Cock” of West Nile”. So, we would tease him and say, “If you are the cock, so what are we? The hens?”. He would laugh.

I know him as a man who respected women. He would always refer to many women I have come across as “Madam”. He would not say, “Honourable”.

Mr Speaker, if you said something he did not agree with, he would say, “Really, madam?”. Then, you would know that, that did not go well with him.

I want to thank His Excellency the President for rewarding the veterans of UNRF; the army he led, because that was the pain he had. Every time he talked about the army, the veterans, he would think about compensating those people who really put their lives at stake and fought for peace.

Mr Speaker, I want to thank him as a leader and also as somebody who nurtured me. He

delegated me to so many of his activities. *(Member timed out.)*

THE SPEAKER: I am glad somebody has brought that out. He actually told me, one time when I was on the other side, that what was delaying him was to see the combatants compensated. So, I think he has rested.

Hon. Okumu Gabriel, I know you are going to take a lift from Hon. Freedom.

12.16

MR GABRIEL OKUMU (NRM, Okoro County, Zombo): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. I stand to support the motion to pay tribute to our fallen colleague, Gen. Ali Moses. The first time I interacted with the late was in 2019, particularly 12th October when he was the Guest of Honour at a function of the retired Archbishop Luke Orombi in Goli.

When they heard that the “Cock” was coming to that function, the crowd was very big. He came with a few soldiers, yet we expected many soldiers since he was a General and a Prime Minister.

To my dismay, Mr Speaker, even when he gave his speech, it was very calm. He showed a lot of humility. We expected him to cause fear among the crowd, but he did not.

Mr Speaker, I was with the General in the 11th and now 12th Parliament but I did not have enough interaction with him because his life was deteriorating.

To the people of West Nile, he was always our go-between the Government and whatever projects we had in West Nile.

Mr Speaker, I have reflected on his death and I have looked at about three verses. I will leave two verses for the bereaved family and the people of Uganda in his memory. Mr Speaker, the Beatitudes, that is, Matthew 3 - *(Member timed out.)*

THE SPEAKER: The Beatitude is in Matthew Chapter 5. Hon. Paparu Lilian, Member for

Arua, then we shall have another person from West Nile and Hon. Ann Amelia Kyambadde.

12.18

MS LILLIAN PAPARU (NRM, Woman Representative, Arua): Thank you, Mr Speaker. On my own behalf and on behalf of the people of Arua District, I rise to extend my condolences to the family.

Mr Speaker, I stand to pay tribute, as a daughter of a military person whom Gen. Moses Ali recruited during Amin's time and who rose to the rank of a Colonel because he had to bring him back from exile to join the UPDF.

Gen. Ali Moses is a household name in West Nile. There are younger people who have never seen him but they know that there is a father, a "cock" in West Nile called Gen. Moses Ali.

Gen. Moses Ali served for many years in this country but you would never see his name riddled in scandals. He served with dedication. When you hear about corruption, you would never hear about our great father in those issues of corruption. We thank him for that.

He has been a model to us and he was a humorous person. One time, when he was not well and had returned from treatment abroad, we did not go to see him as the West Nile Parliamentary Caucus. Later, we had a meeting for the caucus with the Equal Opportunities Commission and he was the first person in the room. When we arrived, he jokingly said, "You people thought I was gone. I am around. You did not come to see me, so I have brought myself". He was a friendly person to all ages.

Mr Speaker, one of the things Gen. Moses Ali stood for was connecting West Nile to the national grid. We thank the Government for that achievement. He has been looking forward to the last-mile connections. We have enough power in the West Nile, but many institutions are not connected - *(Member timed out.)*

THE SPEAKER: Hon. Amelia from West Nile? *(Laughter)*

12.20

MS AMELIA KYAMBADDE (NRM, Mawokota County North, Mpigi): Mr Speaker, I rise to support the motion that is paying tribute to Gen. Ali Moses.

Mr Speaker, Gen. Ali Moses was like a father and adviser to me. I remember when I was the Principal Private Secretary (PPS), he called and he told me, "You are too much of a public servant. You need to develop your political horizon". I did not understand that. He said, "You are the engine in this country. If you are working as a Principal Private Secretary, there is so much you can do to support your President".

Mr Speaker, that is how I started politics. That is how I started engaging all the areas. That is how I supported and identified students for scholarships. That is how I penetrated all districts as a PPS. This is why people say that I was powerful, but it was because of Moses Ali. *(Applause)*

Also, when I was in the trade ministry, I had a challenge with sugar and the prices were rising. He called me and he said, "Withdraw their licenses. If they are raising all the prices, withdraw their licenses". I threatened, and when I threatened, the prices went down. *(Applause)*

Recently, when I went through elections, unfortunately, I found him at the State-of-the-Nation Address. I went and shook his hand. I wanted so much for him to celebrate my win. But - *(Member timed out.)*

THE SPEAKER: Thank you. Hon. Beatrice Akello.

12.23

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR NORTHERN UGANDA (Ms Beatrice Akello): Thank you, Mr Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. I am happy to pay tribute to our fallen hero from Northern Uganda.

On behalf of the people of Northern Uganda, allow me to bring heartfelt appreciation to

His Excellency the President of the Republic of Uganda for granting our late son an official burial. Thank you, Your Excellency.

I want to thank the late Gen. Moses Ali. He was a statesman who dedicated his time to promote peace and development for the people of Northern Uganda. He worked hand-in-hand with the Government of Uganda to bring peace in Acholi and West Nile Subregions. We will not forget this legacy.

Mr Speaker, the late Gen. Moses Ali served this nation with a lot of humility. I remember when I was the Resident District Commissioner of Nwoya, around 2015, the late Gen. Moses Ali was the Second Deputy Prime Minister. He came to my office when he was the Second Deputy Prime Minister and the Second Leader of Government Business in Parliament. I was so surprised to see a General at that rank with all the titles visiting a small office of an RDC. He talked about opening a road connecting Nwoya to Adjumani. We shall forever remember him as a statesman.

Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you. The key point here is humility, which can take you to places. Hon. Drito, followed by Woman Member of Parliament, Obongi District.

12.24

MR MARTIN DRITO (NRM, Upper Madi County, Madi-Okollo): Mr Speaker, on behalf of the people of Upper Madi County, I second the motion.

Mr Speaker, the gentleman lying in front of us here in that casket was not an ordinary person. Gen. Moses Ali, as rightly said, is a household name not only in West Nile but virtually in the whole of Northern Uganda and Uganda at large.

The late Gen. Moses Ali was a very firm man but a very fair person as well.

A cadre of his nature is not someone we come to mourn. We came here not to mourn the late

Gen. Moses Ali, but to celebrate the life of an illustrious son of Madi, West Nile, and Uganda.

As a young person, we were students at Namilyango College. At the height of the difficult moments, we were stopped by the soldiers at the roadblock at Ntinda. Fortunately, the gentleman lying there in the coffin was passing by. He came out of his vehicle, ordered the soldiers at the roadblock to release us immediately to continue back to school. And that was the fairness of this gentleman – *(Member timed out.)*

THE SPEAKER: Thank you. Woman Member of Parliament, Obongi District, Hon. Harriet Joyo, is she there?

12.27

MS HARRIET JOYO (Independent, Woman Representative, Obongi): Mr Speaker, on behalf of the people of Obongi District, I want to say that we are mourning a giant, a statesman, a father, and the lion of the people of Madi sub-region and West Nile.

He served this country throughout his life, from the bush to Parliament, from war to peace, and from controversy to reconciliation. He served this country in uniform with a lot of dedication and commitment and served the Chamber in various portfolios.

Most importantly, the late was a unifier and a voice for the voiceless. He leaves behind a legacy of resilience, sacrifice, survival, and service for the nation.

A great tree has fallen; its shade still remains. May I therefore urge all of us to mourn him with a lot of commitment and serve this country with a lot of dedication.

Above all, for the people of Madi Sub-region, we shall remember him and commit ourselves to ensure that the issue of the construction of Laropi Bridge is concluded in his memory. May his soul rest in peace.

THE SPEAKER: Hon. Joanne Okia, then Hon. Emmanuel.

12.29

MS JOANNE OKIA (NRM, Woman Representative, Madi-Okollo): Thank you, Mr Speaker. With the passing of the late Gen. Moses Ali, Uganda has lost a national icon and West Nile has lost a patriarch.

During the presidential elections, His Excellency the President promised to grant West Nile a region of its own. It was our wish and our prayer that the late Gen. Moses Ali would have lived to see this request granted. But we pray that His Excellency the President grants that.

As a nation of Uganda, we have also lost a piece of our institutional memory by the passing of the general. On behalf of the people of Madi-Okollo District, I stand to pay condolences to the family of the late Gen. Moses Ali, the people of Adjumani, and Uganda.

May the soul of the late Gen. Moses Ali rest in eternal peace.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you. We are changing the gear to one minute. Yes. Overdrive.

12.30

MR EMMANUEL ONGIERTHO JOR (Independent, Nebbi Municipality, Nebbi): Thank you, Mr Speaker. The size of a big tree is seen when it has fallen. And that is what we see in the late Gen. Moses Ali.

I rise to support the motion, but to say that I am alive today because of the late Gen. Moses Ali. In 1980, I was a student in St. Joseph's College Ombachi, and you all remember Ombachi was the scene of the murder of very many people. The late Gen. Moses Ali was the person who asked the headmaster then, an Italian priest, to move the students from Ombachi to another place. He even offered a lorry that transported us to Rhino Camp. One week after that, there was that killing in Ombachi. This meant that if we had remained as students there, we would have been part of the victims who died. I really want to thank him so much for saving our lives that time.

Colleagues, Members of Parliament and other leaders from West Nile, it is now upon us - I know that we have all been looking at this gentleman to defend us and do everything for us. It is now for us to stand up. Individually, we can never match him. However, if we work together, we will ensure that the void he has left is filled. I say this for God and my country.

THE SPEAKER: I would like to bring Hon. Balaam Barugahara. I do not know whether he is here. He was one of the closest friends of Gen. Moses Ali.

Would you want to come to the rostrum? I know what you meant to him, and I also know the gifts he gave you. You will have one and a half minutes.

12.32

THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Mr Balaam Barugahara):

Mr Speaker, thank you very much. I am glad that I have come to join all of you honourable colleagues to mourn the death of a great man, Mzee Moses Ali, whom I used to call *Papa*. Before the NRM primaries, he told me he wanted to stand. I told him, but you look weak. He said, "No, I am not weak". He said that the people will decide. We went into the primaries. In Adjumani, they had two factions. One was led by the current commissioner, Hon. Jesca Ababiku, and the other had people who were supporting him. They were fighting, and he was almost losing that election. However, His Excellency the President said, "I cannot let my brother who cannot speak loudly be bruised by young people. Please go and join his side". We went in and won that election.

Then in the general elections, they still fronted people against him and again, the day before the elections, the President asked me to return to Adjumani and conclude the game. *(Laughter)* We won the game.

He has died, but I remember when I was in Adjumani, he said, "Barugahara, I am giving you two goats. I am not giving them to you as a minister, but as my son. Put them on your farm". I said, "But *Mzee*, I have a Land Cruiser;

I cannot carry goats". He said, "I will give you a pickup." To deliver goats from Adjumani – *(Member timed out.)*

THE SPEAKER: Just conclude on that.

MR BARUGAHARA: To deliver goats from Adjumani to Kampala, probably you need fuel of Shs 1 million and a goat is Shs 300,000, but he said, "No, this is a gesture". That is how kind he was. However, he said that we should work on the bridge. I told MK- the Patriotic League of Uganda (PLU), that if this Government does not work on the bridge between Moyo and Adjumani, then we shall do it.

Let us honour all our elders when they are alive. Mr Speaker, I would like us to honour the elders like Rt Hon. Rebecca Kadaga. We should not talk well about them after they have gone. Instead, we should honour them when they are alive, and we should give them whatever they want when they are alive. God bless all of you. May his soul rest in peace.

THE SPEAKER: Hon. Ongalo Obote. I know there are some classmates here, and I will give you one minute each.

12.35

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TESO AFFAIRS (Mr Clement Obote): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. On behalf of the people of Teso, whom I represent in Cabinet, the people of Kalaki, and also the other members of the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), including Hon. Alice Kaboyo and the Hon. Jennifer Namuyangu, who were Gen. Moses Ali's second family, I convey their condolences to this House.

Mr Speaker, it has been said that the difference between a politician and a statesman is that the politician is defined by single-mindedness of purpose in the pursuit of an ideal for which they are willing to sacrifice everything. It is also said that a statesman is a person who is willing to sacrifice that ideal for the sake of peace and unity. In – *(Member timed out.)*

THE SPEAKER: Hon. Robinah Rwakoojo, the chairperson of the Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs. This matter is defence-related.

12.36

MS ROBINA RWAKOOJO (NRM, Gomba West County, Gomba): Thank you, Mr Speaker, for the opportunity. On behalf of the Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs, the people of Gomba West, and on my own behalf, I would like to pay tribute to Gen. Moses Ali and to thank him for being the soldier that he was. He really meant very well for the army, and we are proud of him. I liked his sense of humility. He went to law school and bonded with the students. He was one with them, and it did not matter. He was also a student of LDC. He was part of our profession.

I must mention that I saw him when I was young. He was a minister and friend to my father as we went through primary school. He encouraged us with our education. As a committee, we extend condolences to His Excellency the President, to this House, to the family, and to the people of Adjumani. Rest in peace.

THE SPEAKER: The General lying before us was a minister of youth at one point and also minister of finance. Let me allow the current youth minister, so that we compare and remind ourselves that even Gen. Ali was a youth like this minister here. Youth minister, please.

12.37

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR GENDER, LABOUR AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (YOUTH AND CHILDREN AFFAIRS) (Ms Mercy Lakisa): Thank you, Mr Speaker. This is my maiden speech, and I am honoured to pay tribute to Gen. Moses Ali on behalf of all the young people of Uganda and on my own behalf. We are the beneficiaries of the peace, the security, and the stability, and the sacrifices that were made by leaders like him.

We are grateful for the foundation they laid. Since his demise, there is a statement that has been widely shared saying that "The General

among us". For me, this depicts the highest level of humility. If there is one key lesson we learn from his leadership, it is that true leadership is indeed a covenant of service to the people - *(Member timed out.)*

THE SPEAKER: Thank you. Honourable Minister of Finance- Gen. Moses Ali- for the record, in this NRM Government, was the first Minister of Youth in 1986. This is now 40 years later. We should thank God for the gift of life and for the stability. Former Minister of Finance? Okay, as he is pondering, let me bring Aringa North.

12.39

MR SIRAJI EZAMA (NRM, Aringa County, Yumbe): I thank you very much, Mr Speaker. I would like to pay a word of condolence to Gen. Moses Ali for the service he rendered to West Nile and Uganda at large.

Gen. Moses Ali was a liberator and a peacemaker. He fought to bring peace and tranquility in West Nile. Yumbe was what the Luwero triangle was in central Uganda. When NRM was fighting in the Luwero triangle, Gen. Moses Ali was also fighting in West Nile, and Yumbe was the base. In that process, a lot of destruction was done in Yumbe district and West Nile at large. We thank the Government for compensating the people, the ex-veterans – *(Member timed out.)*

12.40

MS MOURINE OSORU (NRM, Woman Representative, Arua City): Thank you, Mr Speaker. Allow me to join my colleagues in paying tribute to our fallen hero. Indeed, it is so sad that West Nile has lost a hero, a cock, and a cultural man. A lot has been said about the late Gen. Moses Ali. How I wish that we could have late Gen. Moses Ali memorial lectures such that all these good things talked about him could be used to educate the young ones, and also remind ourselves of his services to this country. Though he is gone, his contributions, development, and services to the people of West Nile and this country will always be remembered. May his soul rest in peace.

THE SPEAKER: Let us have Hon. Jim Muhwezi. You were classmates, and you are both Generals. Tell us about him. By the way, we should respect people who go to school when they are - especially those who study law. If you think it is a piece of cake, you also eat.

12.41

MAJ. GEN. (RTD) JIM MUHWEZI (NRM, Rujumbura County, Rukungiri): Thank you very much. Especially LDC; it is not an easy course. Mr Speaker, thank you very much for the opportunity to talk about a great man lying before us here, late Gen. Moses Ali. A freedom fighter and one of those who opposed bad governments. I want to mention about five points:

1. He was a brave man. He stood up against Idi Amin, as you may know, until Amin dismissed him from the army. I thank the President for reinstating him in the national army and promoting him up to the rank of a General, which he loved so much. *(Applause)* During his heydays, those of you who may have seen him, he used to walk with a spring like a general, and if you asked him, he would say that is how a general should walk.
2. He was a compassionate person and a just man. When he was a Minister for Tourism and Wildlife in 1996, he supported me to get land for people called Abanyabutumbi who had been chased out of their land by the colonialists -*(Interjections)*- when they created Queen Elizabeth National Park. Those Banyabutumbi in Rwampara have two parishes of Kikarara and Garuka.

THE SPEAKER: You may not know that you have just helped yourself, but one minute. *(Laughter)*

MAJ. GEN. (RTD) MUHWEZI: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. *(Laughter)* I know your compassionate feeling. I would like to talk about him as someone who was very determined. As Mr Speaker said, in 2007 I went back to Law Development Centre to complete my course which I had abandoned in 1980

when I joined police and went to Tanzania, and that is where I met him. And it was interesting to see how - *(Laughter)*

THE SPEAKER: Thank you.

MAJ. GEN. (RTD) MUHWEZI: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: Thank you. I am afraid, General.

MAJ. GEN. (RTD) MUHWEZI: Anyway, may his soul rest in peace. Thank you.

THE SPEAKER: Koboko? Woman MP of Yumbe, we have concluded with Yumbe about West Nile because Gen. Moses Ali was a nationalist.

12.45

MS MELSA AVAKO (NRM, Woman Representative, Yumbe): Thank you, Mr Speaker, for this great opportunity. On behalf of the Yumbe people and on my own behalf, I join the country to pay sincere, heartfelt condolences to this Parliament through you, Mr Speaker, to His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and to the nation at large.

As we continue to reflect deeper on the life of Gen. Moses Ali, he touched many lives, and I will go personal. As I stand before you, Gen. Moses Ali personally men - *(Member timed out.)*

THE SPEAKER: Conclude that statement for the record.

MS AVAKO: Thank you very much. He mentored me to be who I am, and he told me, if you know what you want to do to people, and if you know why you want to contest as a Member of Parliament, please do the right thing at the right time. That is having interest to serve people and this is where I am, serving my people diligently. May his soul rest in peace.

THE SPEAKER: I have Hon. Muwada Nkunyngi. Actually, the late was his teacher.

12.46

MR MUWADA NKUNYINGI (NUP, Kyadondo County East, Wakiso): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I attended Makerere University with the late Gen. Moses Ali from year one up to year four, and I was his -

THE SPEAKER: And I am told you used to copy him - *(Laughter)*

MR NKUNYINGI: No, I was actually his chairperson in the Faculty of Law Muslim Union, and he was a very active member. I was also his chairperson at the Law Development Centre Muslim Union.

What I can say about Gen. Ali is that he was a practising Muslim. At one time, I asked him, why are you at school at this advanced age? He said, "I want to die an educated man." How I wish all generals and soldiers take a leaf from this to always act after studying and learning lessons. Gen. Ali, may the Almighty Allah accept your good deeds and pardon your - *(Member timed out.)*

THE SPEAKER: For the record, most generals, if not all, are very educated in UPDF. I know that for sure. Honourable, I am giving you information from the chairperson.

12.48

MS BETTY NALUYIMA (NUP, Woman Representative, Wakiso): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. This is a moment, as we pay tribute to the fallen General, for each of us to rethink. What if tomorrow you are the one who is in his position? It is a time for us to think of the great deeds he has done for this country, look at this country once again, and rethink. Are we freedom fighters the way he was? Are we standing for constitutionalism? He was one of those who were in the CA at that time.

So, as we eulogise him, I pray we recall the words of Ecclesiastes 3, that there is a time for everything: a time to die and a time to live. Let us rethink. We have seen his humility and remember that one of the traits of humility is less ego in everything you do.

THE SPEAKER: Secretary-General of PLU, Hon. Twalla. I know Gen. Moses Ali was a member of PLU. *(Laughter)*

12.49

MR FADIL TWALLA (NRM, Tingey County, Kapchorwa): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. On my own behalf and on behalf of the Patriotic League of Uganda, under the leadership of Gen. Muhoozi Kainerugaba, allow me to extend our sincere condolences to His Excellency the President, the family of our fallen patriot, and the people of West Nile.

Gen. Moses Ali was more than a soldier and a politician, but he was a true statesman and champion of peace. When my brother Balaam was talking, he talked about the bridge that connects Moyo and Adjumani. As the general secretary of the next Government, I assure you that that road will be - *(Member timed out.)*

THE SPEAKER: Hon. Paul Mwiru and Hon. Nambeshe. Yes, we are sadly coming to the end. I will have the son of Gen. Moses Ali speak later on. We have to appreciate the fact that we are going to use a helicopter which has to go and come back. Hon. Paul Mwiru, one minute please.

12.50

MR PAUL MWIRU (NUP, Jinja South Division East, Jinja City): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I rise to pay tribute to a freedom fighter, and I am fortified by the statement of the President to that effect. Gen. Ali, at a young age as a freedom fighter, respected people's freedoms. He is a person who would not settle for less, but served humanity with humility. That is a challenge left behind for all of us. At a time when there were abductions, Gen. Ali did not choose comfort. He rose to the occasion to challenge the same. The conditions that forced Gen. Ali, by then, to pick arms and go to the bush were so demanding.

I would like to say - *(Member timed out.)*

THE SPEAKER: Hon. Nambeshe, Commissioner - you do not raise your hand here. *(Laughter)*

12.52

MR JOHN BAPTIST NAMBESHE (NUP, Manjiya County, Bududa): Mr Speaker, I am the acting president of the National Unity Platform. *(Applause)* On behalf of the people I represent and the National Unity Platform, I extend my condolences to the bereaved family and the people of West Nile.

In 2012, when I was the District Chairperson of Bududa, Gen. Moses Ali was the then Third Deputy Prime Minister. He led a Cabinet subcommittee to Bududa for 14 days, conducting a detailed assessment on the magnitude of the natural calamities that - *(Member timed out)*

THE SPEAKER: Hon. Charles Ngabirano, the Dean of Independents, you are speaking.

12.53

MR CHARLES NGABIRANO (Independent, Rwampara East County, Rwampara): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I stand here to support the motion and all that has been said. I have one lesson that I have learnt, which we should all take note of. Gen. Moses Ali went through many governments and I have always admired those senior members of our country who have served in many governments and kept upright.

Today, as we honour him as an individual, he is going alone with his honour. We should learn that whichever group you are in, please come out and stand for the right. To those who hide under group dynamics and do wrong, this is the time to reflect on this day. In eternity, you go alone, you rise alone, we honour you alone - *(Member timed out.)*

12.54

MS SHARIFAH TABAN (Independent, Woman Representative, Koboko): Thank you, Mr Speaker. On behalf of the family of the late Idi Amin Dada, the people of Koboko District and on my own behalf, I would like to send my heartfelt condolences to the family.

Gen. Moses Ali teaches us humility. He has seen many governments and has served with them. Our hearts are pained by this loss. West

Nile is in pain. Rt Gen. Moses Ali, please extend my sincere greetings to Idi Amin Dada –(Applause)- because I know he is going to *Jannatul Firdaus*; he is going to heaven – (Member timed out.)

THE SPEAKER: I would like to handle only party whips now. The Democratic Party, Alliance for National Transformation, Uganda People's Congress party whips and then I conclude this way. We have about twenty minutes to go.

12.55

MR PETER OKOT (DP, Tochi County, Omoro): Thank you, Mr Speaker. On my own behalf and on behalf of the people of Tochi and the Democratic Party, I rise to mourn and honour the life of Gen. Moses Ali, which was one of humility, integrity and patriotism.

As was said by colleagues, he joined the army in 1968 and rose through the ranks. As it is done now, it was done then that joining the military was done through quotas and General was – (Member timed out.)

12.56

DR OTUKO EUNICE (UPC, Oyam County North, Oyam): Thank you, Mr Speaker. The Uganda People's Congress was cited severally by earlier speakers, and it is only prudent that we say a word in its honour. (Applause)

On behalf of the Uganda People's Congress party, my party president, Hon. Jimmy Akena, the entire caucus of UPC, and the people of Oyam County North, we pay our tribute to the late General. His passing signifies an end to a long chapter in the political history of our country, where he worked across time.

Regrettably, the UPC and Gen. Ali were frequently at odds, often standing on opposite ends. However, Mr Speaker, today and for all time, we set aside any difference and mourn him with honour. (Applause)

Therefore, on behalf of everyone associated with the UPC and my constituency, may he rest in peace. (Applause)

THE SPEAKER: Thank you. In the VIP gallery this afternoon, we have the following:

1. Hon. Ahmed Awongo - former Member of Parliament
2. Hon. Jimmy Akena - UPC President, former Member of Parliament and First Son
3. Hon. Jack Sabiiti - former MP. He has probably left.

We have everybody here. NUP Whip?

12.58

MS BETTY NAMBOOZE (NUP, Mukono Municipality, Mukono): Mr Speaker, on behalf of the National Unity Platform party and on my own behalf, I wish to associate myself with the kind eulogies made by colleagues about the late Hon. Gen. Ali.

One time in 2021, it did occur to me that this House would be in good hands under the stewardship of Gen. Ali. I nominated him for Speaker of Parliament.

However, a few days later, he called me and asked, "Madam, how could you have nominated me without consulting me?" Mr Speaker, if I had teased another General –(Laughter)- I really do not know what would have happened to me.

I would like to commend Rt Hon. – (Member timed out.)

THE SPEAKER: Isn't that beautiful? FDC Whip?

12.59

MS ANNA ADEKE (FDC, Woman Representative, Soroti): Mr Speaker, on behalf of the Forum for Democratic Change party, the caucus of the FDC and my own behalf as Soroti District Woman Representative, I honour the legacy of the retired General- five decades of an illustrious career serving Uganda, which were also marked by many challenges.

My father recounts to me when he was in Luzira prison and how the big convoys would escort him back to Luzira prison. He lived a

very good life. At this point, death reminds us about the sanctity of human life.

We request the Government to value the lives of Ugandans. There are numerous abductions and unaccounted-for Ugandans. *(Applause)* Life is precious. We celebrate it, and death reminds us of the fact that life is very important and precious. Rest in peace, General, may your good - *(Member timed out.)*

1.00

MR SILAS AOGON (Independent, Kumi Municipality, Kumi): Mr Speaker, I take this opportunity to send my deep condolences to this House and particularly you. I do this on behalf of the people of Kumi Municipality- I have a Nubian community, and most of them are my ardent supporters; I guess they are listening and watching.

When you get power and authority, use it with justice; exercise it carefully and do not misuse it. Gen. Moses Ali used his powers and authority for the good of the people who were weak in society. Let us observe what he did and carry on his good deeds. Thank you. *(Applause)*

THE SPEAKER: ANT Whip -

1.01

MR ISMAIL KASULE (ANT, Hoima West Division, Hoima City): Thank you, Mr Speaker. On behalf of the Alliance for National Transformation and on my own behalf, I rise with a heavy heart to mourn-

THE SPEAKER: Lower your microphone a bit-

MR KASULE: ...to mourn the passing of our dear brother and colleague, Gen. Moses Ali, whose decades of distinguished service as Deputy Prime Minister, dedicated legislator for Adjumani West County and distinguished military leader, bridged Uganda's turbulent history with enduring stability and unity. May his wisdom, patriotism and tireless advocacy for development continue to inspire us all in this House and across the nation. May his soul rest in peace. Thank you.

THE SPEAKER: The Government Chief Whip?

1.02

THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF WHIP (Dr Jane Aceng): Mr Speaker, on behalf of the people of Lira City and the NRM Parliamentary Caucus, my condolences to you, His Excellency the President and the entire nation of Uganda.

I want to say only three things about the late. One, he loved health. I first met him when I was serving as the Minister of Health. He stood firm to ensure that Uganda Heart Institute and Uganda Cancer Institute had a law and were independent. He worked together with the Rt Hon. Alitwala Kadaga.

Two, I had the honour and privilege of treating him throughout the time that he was sick, preparing his documents. *(Applause)* I want to thank this Parliament for always giving him money on time - *(Member timed out.)*

THE SPEAKER: Hon. Oketayot Lowila - nobody stood as many times as you did. I do not know what you want to say.

1.03

MS OKETAYOT LOWILA (NRM, Woman Representative, Pader): Thank you, Mr Speaker. The late Gen. Moses Ali was a very approachable leader. Despite the tense disagreements we used to have with him on his approach to issues of the conflict over the Apaa land, he remained approachable.

In 2018, three cooperative societies were considered to receive tractors under the NAADS programme. Later, only two of them received them, but the most organised cooperative society was left out. I approached him, as the then Deputy Prime Minister and Deputy Leader of Government Business. His swift approach and response amazed me. In no time, he took a helicopter and flew to Pader District. He met that cooperative society and - *(Member timed out.)*

THE SPEAKER: You mentioned Apaa. Does the Acholi Parliamentary Group have

somebody? The Muslims reminded us that if you say something bad, he will cry.

1.04

MR OTTO MAKMOT (NRM, Agago County, Agago): Mr Speaker, allow me, on behalf of the Acholi Parliamentary Group – as neighbours – to extend our heartfelt condolences to the Parliament of Uganda, the President and the bereaved family.

Mr Speaker, many things have been said about the late. As neighbours in Acholi, the late was a beacon of hope. Why do I say this? His grandfather was born in Lamwo. He died and was buried there. His father was also born in Lamwo and, later, moved to Adjumani. As someone mentioned, he was recruited from Acholi Quarters to join the army.

Much has been said, eloquently, about him being a peacemaker. It is our humble prayer - *(Member timed out.)*

THE SPEAKER: Hon. Amanyanya? Give the legal precision.

1.05

MR COHEN AMANYA (NRM, Igara County West, Bushenyi): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. Gen. Ali will be remembered in our legal circles. First, he had the privilege of being called a “learned colleague”.

Secondly, when we go to election petitions, the jurisprudence we get from cases on the statutory time bar – when you file an election petition after the deadline – was established through his cases.

In 1991, there were issues dealing with the military, detention and possession of a firearm. Even that jurisprudence was established through his case. The last one is on defamation – when he sued one of the newspapers.

With all these three cases, we, as people who studied law, those who are still studying law and those who want to study law, will encounter his cases. He will always be remembered as a learned colleague – *(Member timed out.)*

THE SPEAKER: Thank you. That is beautiful. Hon. Wanyoto?

1.06

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE (Ms Lydia Wanyoto): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I stand to pay tribute to Gen. Moses Ali.

Mr Speaker, the Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU) is headquartered in Mbale City, where you have heard that Gen. Moses Ali made a big contribution. I stand here, in memory of his legacy, to support the proposal to build an important faculty of law in Arua City – being the regional city – to honour his contribution to IUIU.

The second legacy I would like to put on record is of being a unifier. I attended a peace conference in Yumbe last year and found out that the community has many sub-communities and tribes – *(Member timed out.)*

THE SPEAKER: Thank you. Now, I want to give Hon. Siraji Ali time. He is the orphan. So, we will give him three minutes. I have been corrected that “he is one of the orphans”.

1.07

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WORKS AND TRANSPORT (WORKS) (Mr Siraji Ali): Thank you. Mr Speaker, I wish to express the gratitude of the family. Please permit me to express the family’s gratitude to His Excellency the President for his decision to grant our father the dignity of an official burial, a Cabinet tribute and a burial with full military honours. *(Applause)*

Mr Speaker, we are grateful to His Excellency the President and to Mama for the many kindnesses and courtesies they both extended to our father over the years.

Mr Speaker, we take comfort in the fact that we do not mourn this loss alone; a whole nation mourns with us. *(Applause)*

Mr Speaker, we would like to thank you, the people whom our father worked with over

the years, and all the honourable Members of Parliament gathered here today.

We thank Her Excellency the Vice-President, the Rt Hon. Prime Minister, the Rt Hon. Deputies Prime Minister, members of the Cabinet, all Members of Parliament and all the men and women who worked with our father since he joined public service, by joining the army in 1986.

Mr Speaker, we thank you for according our father the dignity of this special session of Parliament, and for giving him a befitting send-off. *(Applause)*

With these words, Mr Speaker, please accept our family's most humble gratitude. Thank you, and may God bless you all. *(Applause)*

THE SPEAKER: Thank you. The one minute is donated to the Member for Ayivu. *(Hon. Tiyo rose.)* You are not from West. West – you can see. *(Laughter)*

1.10

MS PHIONA ONZIMA (NRM, Ayivu Division West, Arua City): Thank you, Mr Speaker. On behalf of the people of Ayivu Division West, I extend my heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family, friends and Uganda at large.

Today, we mourn a dedicated leader and celebrated war veteran. As the young generation, we shall continue to be inspired by his legacy. May his soul rest in peace. *(Applause)*

THE SPEAKER: Ayivu Division East?

1.11

MR WILLIAM TIYO (NRM, Ayivu Division East, Arua City): Thank you very much, Mr Speaker. As the son of a military captain, as a grandson of Gaspero Odaa, who was in this House 60 years ago, and on behalf of the people of Ayivu East, I join the rest of the Members in mourning and celebrating the life of our fallen General. Indeed, let me reiterate on record that the last political head of West Nile is gone. We

do not have anybody who can coordinate us to the Centre of Government.

Mr Speaker, if we want to see the President, we shall be using your office. Our last political head is gone. He was the person whom we were looking up to, to coordinate us on the issues of the Central Government – *(Member timed out.)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER: Honourable member from Maracha?

1.12

MS JENNIFER DRIWARU (NRM, District Woman Representative, Maracha): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I am Driwaru Jennifer, District Woman MP, Maracha. I stand on my behalf and on behalf of the people of Maracha to console the people of Adjumani and the nation at large. Whereas many Ugandans were complaining about why Adjumani would send a man in the name of Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali. All good things have been said about him. The people of Adjumani and West Nile knew why we were sending the General to Parliament because we knew he would deliver and be a go-between between West Nile and us. I thank the people of Adjumani for sending him.

He was a minister for Tourism, Wildlife – *(Member timed out.)*

THE SPEAKER: Rt Hon. Second Deputy Prime Minister, and you are the last.

1.13

THE SECOND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (Dr Crispus Kiyonga): Thank you, Mr Speaker. As you all know, I took the office I hold now from the Rt Hon. Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali. Despite the condition in which he was, he ensured that he made a very comprehensive handover report to me – *(Applause)* – and to date, that report gives me great guidance.

Secondly, I was with the Rt Hon. Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali in the Constituent Assembly (CA) in 1994. At that time, there were people he identified as coming from minority tribes, so

he mobilised us. I told him I wasn't from a minority, but since -

THE SPEAKER: Please, some two minutes. We are supposed to end at a quarter past.

DR KIYONGA: In that meeting, I would go along with him to that organisation, and one of the things I think he achieved was to contribute to the listing of all the tribes of Uganda in the constitution, and I thank him for having given us that leadership.

Lastly, Mr Speaker, I add to the positions that he held that the Rt Hon. Prime Minister omitted. He was at one time a member of the Central Executive Committee of the NRM, which position he executed very well. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

THE SPEAKER: That makes the end of paying tribute, and I want to put the question to the motion paying tribute to the late Hon. Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali, Member of Parliament for Adjumani West County and former Second Deputy Prime Minister of Uganda, for his illustrious and dedicated service to the Republic of Uganda.

(Question put and agreed to.)

The East African Community Anthem

The Uganda National Anthem

(Exit of the late Hon. Gen. (Rtd) Moses Ali)

ADJOURNMENT

THE SPEAKER: Honourable colleagues, I want to thank you for your patience and indulgence today in doing not what we all want to do, paying tribute to a comrade, colleague, mentor, and father to us.

Personally, I came to know him about over 25 years ago. Hon. Siraj and I went to law school together for five years. Hon. Sseggona was shy to be here; we would have been three people in the same class, but it is painful.

Honourable members, we knew *Mzee*, the General, through his son, a very humble man also. Based on what he has done and what you have all spoken about him, there is hope.

This House stands adjourned to 4 August at 2.00 p.m.

(The House rose at 1.22 p.m. and adjourned until Tuesday, 4 August 2026, at 2.00 p.m.)